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<i>In re</i> Application of)	Group Art Unit: 2144
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Serial Number 09/695,231)	Attorney Reference: 000407.00004
Filed: October 25, 2000)	
For: AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE)	
HAVING A CONTROL SYSTEM)	
CAPABLE OF EASILY AND RELIABLY)	
REWRITING A CONTROL PROGRAM)	
IN EACH TERMINAL CONTROL UNIT)	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: